

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application and await action on the merits.

The Specification has been amended at page 6 and claim 5 has been amended to add a description of "m" in formula (3) . Support for this amendment can be found on page 9, line 18.

The Claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to improve clarity.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

**Conclusion**

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977 ) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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